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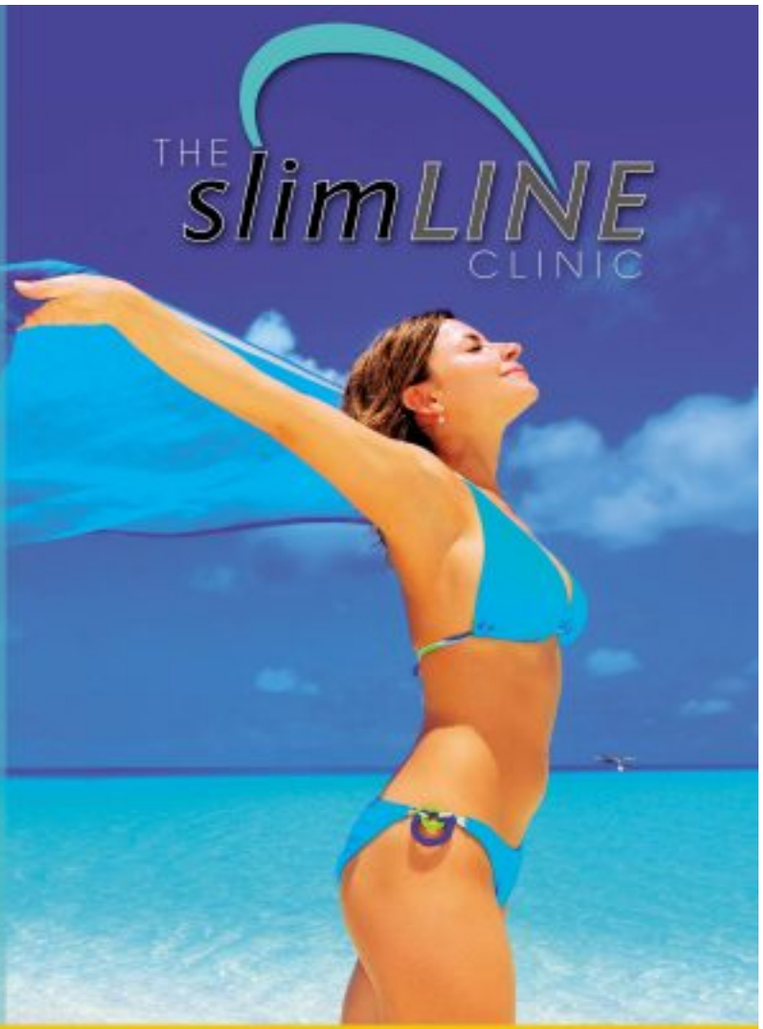

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What's happened to these signs?

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Texan hopes to be top dog at awards

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STREET party reveller Denise Bridgeman showed her patriotic side in Wolverton this weekend as part of citywide celebrations to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

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FBI called in after hackers take records

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE FBI has launched an investigation after a Milton Keynes-based software company was attacked by American computer hackers.

The group of hackers, who call themselves Underground Nazi or UGNazi, posted confidential customer details on the internet, including names and address, and took credit card details.

This was after they managed to access the systems of WHMCS, an online billing software provider based in Broadway Avenue, Giffard Park.

The day after the group gained access to the company's customer details, they began posting the information online and used social networking website Twitter to tell people what they had done.

The group said they launched the attack because scammers use the company's systems, but owner and lead developer Matt Pugh said that if this is the case it is because their software has been 'pirated'.

On Twitter, the group chillingly claimed: "Many websites use WHMCS for scams. You ignored our warnings. We spoke louder. We are watching and will continue to be watching."

They also released a statement which appeared to taunt Mr Pugh personally.

It read: "The reason for the hack and database leak of WHMCS was due to the vulnerability WHMCS and 'Matt' have.

"Well Matt, guess what... Here at UGNazi we laugh at your security.

"By releasing your files, we wanted to make it known that we are watching and will continue to be watching."

This week Mr Pugh told MK NEWS the attack was not actually a hack of the systems, but a 'social engineering' attack.

He said: "Our server was compromised by this group of hackers. They did that by contacting our web host.

"They impersonated one of our employees and convinced the host to release details to them.

"These people didn't even have to hack - it was a social engineering attack.

"On the server was our client database and they took an export of that and started distributing it on various sites.

"It came out of the blue, they are apparently very well known and now we've got the FBI investigating it.

"They have also hacked some other quite well known websites.

"They are very prolific and seem to be going around anyone they can.

"The only thing we can think is what they referred to, that some scammers will use our software without us giving them a licence.

"It's piracy. If they are using it for something illegal they have pirated it from us."

The company is now doing everything it can to tighten security.

"We obviously had all our systems reviewed and we are working on migrating to our new set-up," Mr Pugh said.

"And then we will be reviewing everything, all our processes.

"The key thing was that it wasn't something we hadn't done, not a lapse in security.

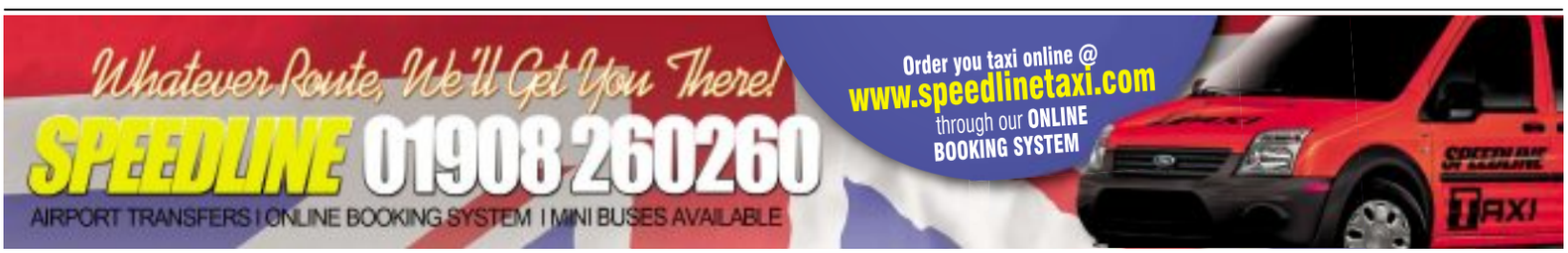
"There wasn't a lot we could have done to prevent it."

Mr Pugh is also sending regular updates to clients.

MK NEWS understands a member of the group, who calls himself Cosmo, has been arrested.

The group has previously claimed to have hacked the websites of large US organisations including NASDAQ and Washington Military Department.

The FBI said it could not comment on its investigation.



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Texan hopes to take the lead at top awards

A BELOVED guide dog has proved that he really is a woman's best friend.

Texan, a two-and-a-half-year-old crossbreed, is on track to be named top dog after making it into the final three for the title Guide Dog of the Year 2012.

Owner Lena Welch, 23, of St Andrew's Road in Bletchley, is over the moon with the news.

She said: "I know all guide dogs do an excellent job but even Texan's trainer said he was a star."

Miss Welch has been partially sighted all her life and was registered blind at 17.

She was paired with Texan just over a year ago and since then he has become an invaluable part of her life.

She explained: "I had a guide dog before but he couldn't deal with busy environments like Milton Keynes Council where I work on reception.

"He saved me from being knocked down from a speeding car, at first I didn't know why he was stepping out in front of me but I could have died."

The Guide Dog of the Year will be announced on July 19.

Recognition: Guide dog Texan is hoping to have his day at awards

Crown court call to help city status bid

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A CALL is being made for a crown court to be established in Milton Keynes.

Former mayor Alan Richards has tabled a motion stating a desire for the court to be set up, in the hope this will keep the city status bid alive.

He believes that for city status to eventually be achieved, Milton Keynes needs to offer a whole 'package', including a crown court.

He said: "I believe it would add great prestige to the city and I've been advised by judges in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes that they consider a crown court located here to be a long overdue event."

Criminal offences that are deemed too serious to be dealt with at a magistrates' court are sent to crown court for a jury trial or sentence. Offenders can also choose a jury trial at crown court.

Currently Milton Keynes has a magistrates' court but crown court cases have to be sent to places like Aylesbury, Luton, and even as far away as Huntingdon and St Albans.

Although only the judiciary can make the final decision on the establishment of a crown court, Cllr Richards is calling for Milton Keynes' top judge, His Honour Judge Anthony Hughes, to be appointed 'honorary recorder' so he can preside over crown court cases.

Janita Patel, a partner at Harvey Ingram Borneos Solicitors in the city, said: "I think it would be a superb addition, local justice should be administered locally.

"Milton Keynes magistrates are busy enough to justify a crown court and Harvey Ingram Borneos will fully support action taken to introduce one to the area."

Cllr Richards' motion is due to be discussed at a full meeting of Milton Keynes Council on Wednesday.

Swimmer named

THE 21-year-old man found in Caldecotte Lake last Sunday has been named.

Jake Crawford, of Backleys in Caldecotte, went missing after going for a swim last Saturday at 6.30pm. He had spent the day fishing at the lake.

Police were called to the area and specialist search and rescue teams carried out an extensive search of the lake and surrounding area.

His body was found shortly after 11.30am the following day.

His inquest, which was opened on Friday, has been adjourned until September 18.

Domestic abuse campaign to raise awareness in MK

A CAMPAIGN to increase awareness of domestic abuse has been launched in the city.

'Speakouttoday' aims to promote early intervention in an attempt to break the cycle of abuse.

Thames Valley Police, domestic abuse coordinators and Crimestoppers are working together to urge people to take action.

Neil Dodds, domestic and sexual abuse reduction coordinator for Milton Keynes, said: "Victims of domestic abuse are usually silent, they cloak themselves in guilt and shame and that's why intervention can be so important.

"Unless someone reaches out victims suffer because they think there's no other choice but reaching out, even if only to give someone a number, can actually save someone's life."

MK ACT, which provides domestic abuse support services in the city, can be contacted on 0844 375 4307.

WE LOOK INTO THE SURGE IN RETAIL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CITY
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Sign of confusion over MK's identity

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CONFUSION over Milton Keynes' identity is growing after signs proclaiming its county status were removed.

Following an exclusive article published in MK NEWS, people, including some at Milton Keynes Council, have been scratching their heads over our county status.

Now seven signs, dotted around the border of the city welcoming drivers and visitors to the 'County of Milton Keynes' have been removed - less than a week after our story appeared in the paper.

Costing what MK NEWS understands to be hundreds of pounds, the signs include one on the A428 north of Olney, which was featured in last week's paper, and another on the A5130 near Wavendon.

A council spokesman said: "The signs were put up without full and prior consideration about whether we should be promoting Milton Keynes as a 'county'.

"Milton Keynes is a unitary authority which means that we have many more powers and functions than a county council.

"We will now be taking time to consider how best and most appropriately to welcome visitors to Milton Keynes."

Mayor Catriona Morris, who in our original article said she was hoping to raise awareness of our county status, is surprised by how many people already refer to Milton Keynes as a county.

She said: "I can completely understand why this has been done, that there's less responsibility for a county council.

"However this is about welcoming people to Milton Keynes, not to the council."

The council is still looking into whose decision it was to remove the signs and who will be taking the decision about how Milton Keynes should be identified.

Here one minute, gone the next: The sign on the A428 which had disappeared hours after the photo above was taken on Tuesday, May 29

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Alleged sex attack arrest

A 62-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested in connection with an alleged sexual assault on a 70-year-old woman. Following an appeal the man handed himself in at Milton Keynes Police Station on Friday where he was arrested. He has been released on police bail until July 15.

Jubilee flag is unveiled

KNITTERS had even more reason to celebrate this jubilee weekend when their giant flag was unveiled. After MK NEWS revealed the knitted Union Jack might not get the airing it deserved, the masterpiece was revealed at the Stony street party on Tuesday by the Mayor of Milton Keynes, Catriona Morris.

Fire service highly rated

THE fire service that covers Milton Keynes has come third in a national survey of users. Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service received an overall satisfaction score of 99 per cent from people who have had an emergency incident at their home.

Hospital safe after evacuation

A FALSE alarm caused staff and patients at Milton Keynes Hospital to be evacuated yesterday morning.

A low oxygen alarm in the hospital's main outpatient department's liquid nitrogen store was discovered at about 7am and the area was evacuated for safety reasons.

Specialised equipment was used by the fire service and the entire building was checked.

Tests showed that it was a false alarm so the department was reopened to patients at about 10.20am.

Darren Leech, the hospital's chief operating officer, said: "I'd like to extend my thanks to colleagues who sprang into action to ensure that everyone was safe.

"The staff did a tremendous job and while the alarm was false today, our staff showed that they know exactly what to do if an emergency happens."

Sexual assault at bus shelter

A 31-YEAR-OLD woman was sexually assaulted at a bus stop over the bank holiday weekend.

The incident happened at a bus stop on the V7 Saxon Street, next to Tesco in Bletchley, between 1.05 and 1.15pm on Monday.

The victim was approached by a man she had previously spoken to at the self service point in Tesco.

The man put his hand inside the woman's top and touched her chest inappropriately.

A 32-year-old man has been arrested in connection with the incident and has been released on bail to return to Milton Keynes Police Station on July 18.

PC Steve King said: "Although we have made an arrest I am still keen to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time."

Anyone with information should call 101.

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Flashback: The story about MK Lions losing their home in last week's paper

Let's all help MK Lions find a permanent den

SIR - What is our town coming to - it really is just becoming one big shopping mall.

Our young people need places to go so they are kept on the straight and narrow.

We should be so proud of the MK Lions and we should be helping them, not kicking them around.

They have brought so much to our town and I can't believe this is happening to them again.

Come on get behind them and give them a permanent home.

With all the empty office blocks we have surely there must be somewhere for them?

Christine Morgan
Conniburrow

■ For more on this story, turn to page 7

Rethink policy to cure the strain on our NHS

SIR - It is very worrying to hear about the long queues developing at Wolverton Health Centre and many other GP surgeries in Milton Keynes (MK NEWS, May 30).

Many of us will remember the bad old days of the last Conservative government in the 1990s when the NHS was characterised by long queues for operations, long waits in A&E and a shortage of nurses and doctors.

The Tory/Lib Dem coalition is cutting the money for the NHS by £20billion over the next four years.

Its new Health and Social Care Act will cost more than £2billion to implement.

All of this will have an adverse affect on patient care.

There are early signs in Milton Keynes that our health services are beginning to feel the strain.

Let's hope the coalition government will stop the cuts to the NHS services in Milton Keynes and the rest of the country and rethink its Health and Social Care Act, which will result in privatisation and a postcode lottery.

Dave Brunwin
Sent by e-mail

You must be living on another planet!

SIR - Regarding your story about the OU being given grants to explore life on Mars (MK NEWS, May 30).

It seems to me and others I have spoken to that spending almost £700,000 on looking for life on Mars is a complete and utter waste of time and money when this country is in a recession.

This Government would rather pay for an answer to a question that many don't really want an answer to, when gas and electric is a luxury to some families.

That £700,000 could and should be spent looking for alternatives to nuclear power and the ailing gas problem.

Why are we looking at Mars when our own planet is in need of help?

Terry Bradley
Arncliffe Drive, Heelands

SIR - Haven't we wasted enough money on the Mars project?

They have already had one shot and failed.

Can't these chaps work on something that will help the world, for instance a new means of energy for this planet - something useful instead of wasting more money.

D Batt
Sent by e-mail

Calling for a code of conduct for cyclists

SIR - The redway that runs parallel with the V8 opposite Stantonbury is supposed to be for pedestrians and cyclists.

The only problem is cyclists think they own it, belting along and not paying attention. In some cases not even holding on.

It is very dangerous when you are walking along with small children, the elderly and dogs or riding a disabled scooter.

I think it's about time Milton Keynes Council put up signs displaying a code of conduct for cyclists. The main one should be getting a cycle bell so at least we can hear them coming, thus avoiding accidents.

Grace Quinn
Sent by e-mail

What is The Point of having this building?

SIR - With reference to the story on your website 'Plans to demolish The Point go on display'.

This is worse than an eyesore - it's nothing, unimaginative and lifeless.

In building any piece of art, you should always make your next piece as good as your last.

I'm sorry but this is not even as good as our first so it has no place in our town.

By building this the developers will be destroying one of our first cultural heritages.

Imagine The Point still being used and maintained in 100 years' time. Now think the same of this building. I know which one will be highly regarded as being important to our culture as a new town.

If they really want to build this bland building then they should put it in the car park next to The Point. This would regenerate not just the centre, but also bring more people to The Point.

Regenerate The Point and take advantage of this great opportunity to do something different.

Create an artist-run community hub and venue that caters to many groups and individuals and helps our community to grow and not just consistently falter.

Name and address supplied

Landmark should be kept and redeveloped

SIR - I have lived in Milton Keynes since the 1980s and I was at The Point for the opening night to watch the premier of the Goonies.

I was a regular visitor to The Point for many years thereafter, I used to attend the nightclub on the first floor and also was a regular at the bar.

I have always missed The Point and I only have fond memories of the place.

It will be a real shame if it goes and the site just ends up as another retail park in Milton Keynes because we have enough of those in MK with the likes of Kingston and Westcroft.

The Point is such an iconic part of MK and it should always be that way, I just can't see why it can't remain and be revitalised.

Joseph Olaitan
Sent by e-mail

SIR - The image of The Point is as synonymous with Milton Keynes itself as the concrete cows or the Xscape.

That said, the area does need modernising - retaining the pyramid on top of any new structure is, in my opinion, a great idea.

Steve Baines
Sent by e-mail

SIR - If we are a county ('Forget calling MK a city - we're actually a county', MK NEWS, May 23) then we need a 'County Hall' - The Point would be just right for the job!

Name and address supplied

SIR - The demolition of The Point can't happen.

How is it not a listed building? Being the first multiplex cinema in the UK, it has cultural significance.

Why not redevelop the existing building?

I have no issue with gutting it and rearranging the space within. It is quite a big space which could house a few nice shops etc.

Name and address supplied

SIR - The reason The Point has become run down is due to the poor commercial management of the site.

Listing The Point will ensure that the owners maintain it properly and resolve the issue.

Iain Sear
Sent by e-mail

Still waiting to get faster broadband

SIR - Regarding your recent article '5,000 more homes set for broadband'.

I am pleased for Woburn Sands, though here in Broughton Gate we're told that there isn't enough funding for two cabs in the area which is new/being built and being so far from Fishermead, our speeds are very low, so dear Openreach, sort us all out please.

Paul Harris
Sent by e-mail

SIR - This is great but I hope that Woburn Sands residents won't assume that it will be available to everyone.

I am on Wolverton exchange, which already has this technology but it isn't available to me and my connection is about 0.9mb at best with no prospect of any change according to BT.

Emlyn Williams
Sent by e-mail

Thank you for support

SIR - Save the Children week in Milton Keynes was launched with a gala dinner at the Jaipur restaurant, CMK.

It was organised by the Ousedale School branch of the charity.

It was the 23rd anniversary of the celebration at the restaurant, during which time more than £50,000 has been raised.

This year 80 diners enjoyed a four course meal in the company of guest of honour, Derek Redmond. Derek is a former British, Commonwealth, European and World champion at 400 metres and 4 x 400 metre relay, as well as twice being an Olympian.

He gave a presentation of some of his best memories from a glittering career and helped to conduct a raffle of donated gifts.

Hamilton Bland, chairman and managing director of Autographs of the World conducted an auction of signed pictures and memorabilia of some of the world's greatest sporting and show business stars.

The dinner, raffle and donations raised £1,300, with proceeds from the auction to follow. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Brian George
Ousedale School branch of Save the Children, Newport Pagnell

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Bake a difference for Touch of Pink

FUNDRAISING is a piece of cake thanks to the Touch of Pink Appeal Bake Off.

With the MK NEWS backed appeal to raise money for Milton Keynes Hospital's Breast Care Unit going from strength to strength this city-wide fundraising idea was the icing on the cake.

Fundraising manager Vanessa Holmes was delighted with the number of people getting on board to bake.

She said: "The beauty of the Touch of Pink Bake Off is that anyone can get involved and raise some funds."

Among those involved were Stantonbury Campus which held a Touch of Pink day on May 24.

Tanya Boulter, catering manager, said: "We are especially keen to support the appeal as breast cancer has affected one of our own recently."

Money raised during the Bake Off will help fund a new X-Ray machine in the Breast Care Unit.

Staff from Stantonbury Campus present a cheque to specialist nurse Lisa Lynch, *front left*, and Vanessa Holmes, fundraising manager from MK Hospital, *front right*

Store fined after boy loses fingers

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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SWEDISH furnishing giant Ikea has been ordered to pay £165,000 after a toddler had two fingers sliced off in a travelator.

The two-year-old boy was holding his father's hand while stood on the moving platform when he lost his balance on the down slope at the store in Denbigh.

As he fell the boy put his hand down and trapped it between the skirting and pallets treads, which acted as a guillotine. The gap was above the maximum legal requirement of four millimetres.

As he cried out his father noticed the index and middle fingers of his left hand had been sliced off.

One of the digits rolled down the travelator, which was flat without steps, while the other has never been found.

The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, went to hospital for emergency surgery. Both fingers were amputated about halfway down after the accident on March 31, 2007.

The flat pack specialist admitted a charge of breaching the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 after earlier pleading not guilty. It had disputed full liability for the accident after maintenance specialists Lift Serve did tests on the travelators two days before the incident stating the gap between the skirting and tread had been safe.

Judge Joanna Cutts fined the company £75,000 and ordered it to pay £90,000 in prosecution costs.

It accepted liability at previous civil proceedings and is paying compensation. A final figure has yet to be agreed, depending on the boy's future prognosis.

Simon Antrobus, defending, said the civil proceedings had found Lift Serve to be 75 per cent liable and Ikea 25 per cent.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Get energised for event

AN INTERACTIVE energy event is being organised by Milton Keynes Council at Midsummer Place on June 16-17. Promoting energy efficiency, the event will include an offer of free home insulation and lights, as well as a bicycle power generator display.

Pupils at famous gallery

PUPILS from The Radcliffe School in Wolverton are currently having their artwork displayed in London's prestigious Saatchi Gallery. The work, based around an Olympic theme, was previously on show at the AIM Gallery in CMK.

RNIB walk comes to MK

STADIUMMK was visited by partially-sighted Paul Hodgkinson, 44, on Saturday as part of his challenge to visit all 92 football league grounds in England and Wales. Paul, from Wakefield, is hoping to raise £20,000 for the RNIB.

Vandals chop down trees

VANDALS chopped two trees down last week.

Between 9pm on Wednesday and 9am on Thursday, two field maple trees were cut down with a hand saw in the community garden at Aldenham, Tinkers Bridge.

PC Andrew Hipkin, investigating the incident, said: "The trees were both about seven metres high and were left at the scene after they were cut down.

"This mindless criminal damage has upset the residents, who are rightly proud of their estate and the community garden.

"The trees were planted in an area of the gardens near to the main road through the estate and I am hopeful someone might have seen something.

"I would urge anyone with any information to contact me."

Anyone with information should call PC Hipkin at the Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

Tin of beans for every Euro goal

IT'S a case of eat my goal with one city pub this summer.

That's because for every goal scored during the Euro 2012 football tournament, kicking off tomorrow, they will donate a tin of beans to The Food Bank.

The idea is the brainchild of the manager at The Hungry Horse in Broughton, Mark Fitzsimon.

He said: "We're all really looking forward to the Euros at The Hungry Horse.

"But we're also aware that not everyone is as fortunate as we are.

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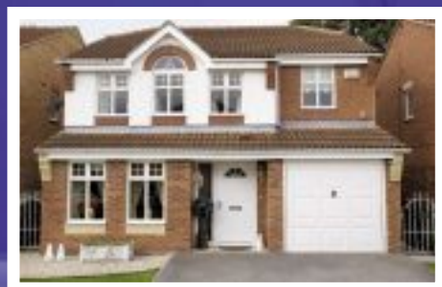

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Retail revamp: The former home of the MK Lions basketball team will be turned into a store

Retailer can roar ahead with plans

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A NEW retailer is set to move into Milton Keynes after plans to turn MK Lions' former home into a store were approved.

Despite officers' recommendations to refuse the application, the development control committee at Milton Keynes Council gave home and leisure store, The Range, permission to move into the Grafton Court site in Winterhill last Thursday.

Concerns were expressed by members of the committee that the store would offer goods which are already available at other nearby retailers.

However, restrictions were put on the sale of furniture, furnishings, homeware, electric goods, DIY, crafts and hobby materials and motor and garden accessories at the 7,632 square metre store.

Michael Cotter, property manager for The Range, said: "You may not know our brand but we guarantee that within the next three to five years we will be a nationally known brand."

He added the new store will create 112 jobs.

"Since we've gone into this unit we've agreed to take an extra 10,000 square feet, which would add another dozen jobs on top of the original 100," he said.

Because the application goes against the national policy of focusing development within town centres, it will now have to be rubber stamped by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles.

Following the news MK Lions' former home will be turned into retail space, MK NEWS asks do we need more shops?

In favour of shops

WITH several retail developments springing up across the city it is clear that developers are keen to make Milton Keynes a premier shopping destination.

Despite fierce opposition against plans to rip down The Point, its owner, Hammerson, is standing by its decision to build more retail units.

A spokesman said: "Our proposals are responding directly to the need on what is a key site in the heart of the city and which is designated for retail use in planning terms."

When it comes to the future of Milton Keynes, developers are singing from the same hymn sheet.

Helen Snooks, senior asset manager at Legal & General Property, which owns Midsummer Place, said: "Milton Keynes has established itself as a major regional shopping destination and it is important that we support this by continuing to invest in and improve its offering."

This message was also echoed by thecentre:mk. Its development director, Jon Weymouth, said: "thecentre:mk is absolutely committed to bringing new jobs and investment to Milton Keynes.

"This city has a strong retail tradition and we want to work with other responsible developers to secure its future as a regional shopping destination."

While it may not come as a surprise that the major players in the Milton Keynes world of retail think more shops are key to the city's future, they do not stand alone in their quest.

David Hopkins, cabinet member for economic development and enterprise, said: "Retail plays a key role in the development of Milton Keynes and as the city grows it will continue to do so."

Against more shops

NOT everyone is convinced that retail is the direction Milton Keynes should be heading in.

Theo Chalmers, from pressure group Urban Eden, said: "These developers just seem stupid, they're not thinking of the future.

"I've spoken to Hammerson and asked them to consider a five-star hotel instead of retail.

"Soon we will reach capacity, the bubble will burst and shops will fail."

Some claim that with the rise in retail other areas of the city's development will suffer - something Linda Inoki from Xplain is concerned about.

She said: "Midsummer Place is proposing to block up the entrance to the atrium with two more big shops, but when permission was given to close off access to transport the consolation was that a covenant would be placed on it for transport development."

But in this battle between pressure groups and developers, what do the residents of Milton Keynes think?

People have been contacting MK NEWS to voice their opposition to more retail in the city.

One, Chantelle Smyth, 24, of Bradwell Road in Loughton, said: "Milton Keynes is a great place to shop but we have enough places to go.

"There's only so many you can get round and I don't think that hitting the stores is a luxury most people can afford these days."

Gary Payne, 44, of Cambridge Street in Wolverton added: "It's just ridiculous. I can't think of another shop we need in Milton Keynes and what's the point in doubling up on the same shops?"

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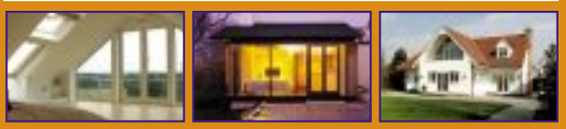

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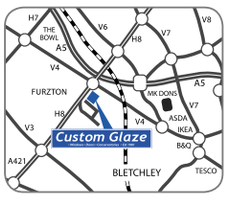

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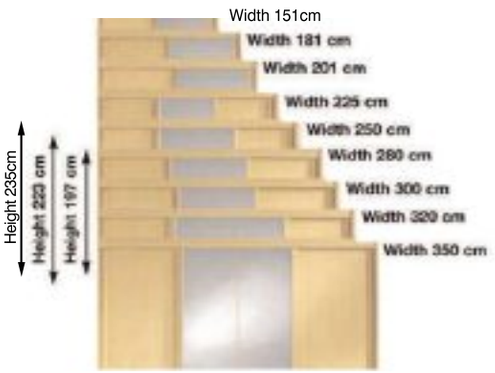

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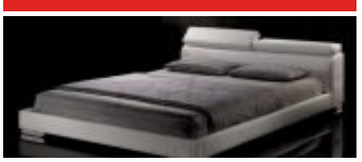

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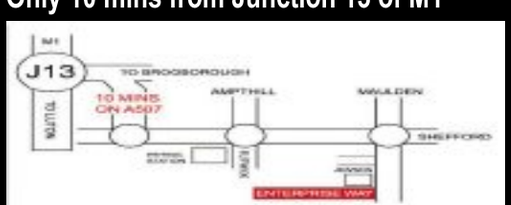

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Tony's cycling challenge ends

A CYCLIST who took on 2,012 miles for charity made a triumphant return to the UK at the weekend.

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He is hoping to raise £12,000 for MK Community Foundation and Willen Hospice.

Biting back over dog poo problem

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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DOG walkers are causing a stink in one town by hanging poo from trees or throwing it on garage roofs.

Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council is calling on dog owners to be more responsible after a spate of incidents.

Despite there being 49 dog bins across the council's area, the problem got so bad in one street that another one had to be installed - but some owners are still not disposing of the faeces properly.

Town council clerk Sally Weldon said: "People are picking it up but not disposing of it in the dog bins.

"Some people chuck it on people's garage roofs and then people have to come out to remove it, or householders are having to deal with it themselves.

"We pay a caretaking team as well, so it's taxpayers' money being spent on them coming out to clean it up."

Dog dirt has been flung on roofs in Windsor Street and Ardwell Lane in Greenleys, and hung from trees along the Great River Ouse, between the Iron Trunk Aqueduct and Haversham.

Ms Weldon added: "We just want people to clear up after their pets.

"It's hazardous for children especially as they tend to play with things. It's disgusting.

"We just would like people to be responsible."

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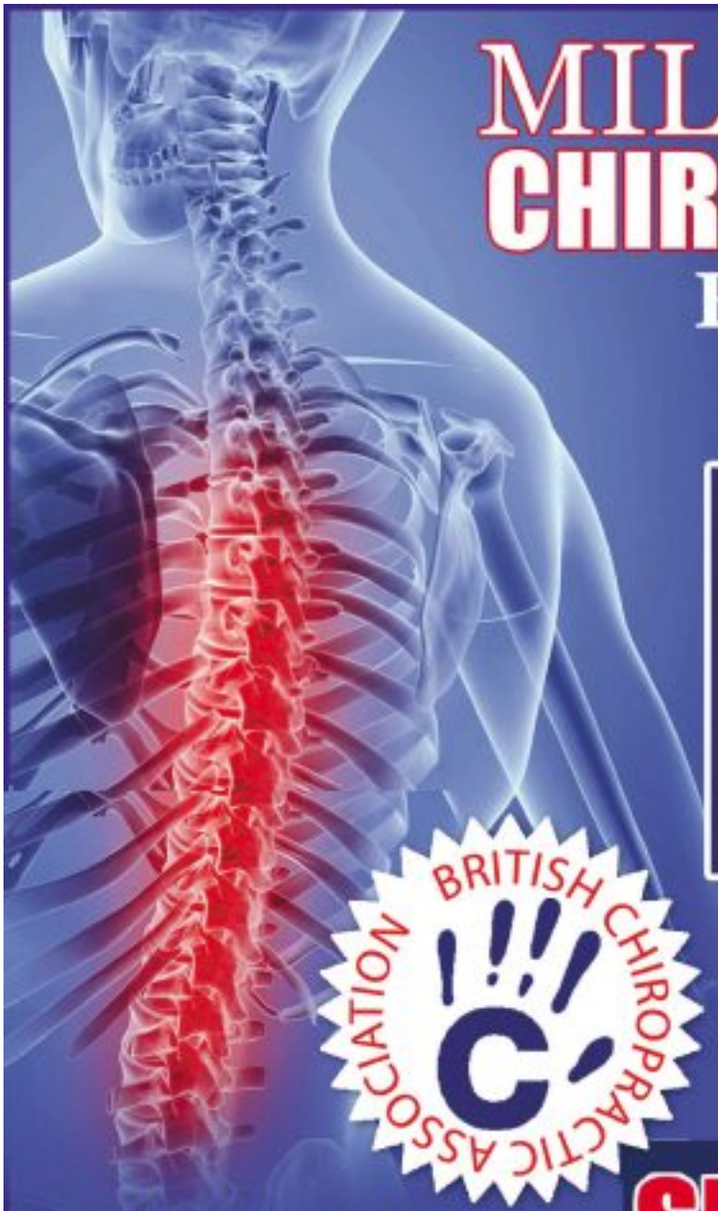

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The building is slightly out of line from the traditional grid system to allow cross winds to naturally ventilate it, and rain will be retained to flush the toilets.

It comprises four office blocks around a central enclosed 'street', which boasts eateries and even a WH Smith.

The four blocks are named Furzton, Loughton, Willen and Caldecotte after the lakes in the city, depending on which side of the building they are on.

Of the 700 new employees that have been hired, 46 per cent are from Milton Keynes and Northampton postcodes.

Up in the air: Walkways cross the cavernous central 'street'

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Service smashes 999 call targets

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE city's ambulance service is smashing its response time targets.

Figures released to MK NEWS show that South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) has an almost perfect record for responses to the second level of emergency calls in the city.

Since April, 99.53 per cent of calls in the second most urgent level are being responded to within 19 minutes, as opposed to the Government target of 95 per cent.

In the most urgent category of calls, where ambulances must respond within eight minutes, 88.65 per cent of ambulances were responding in this time, against a national response target time of 75 per cent.

These responses are despite a rise in demand for the service and SCAS failing to meet the targets in the other areas it covers.

John Nichols, operations director, said: "We have seen a doubling in demand for the service in the last decade and demand is still increasing at around ten per cent per year across the four counties we serve.

"Our emergency operations centres take 1,030 emergency calls a day, 300 of which are potentially life-threatening.

"Part of the issue concerning response times failing to meet national standards in other areas and a factor in MK is how the public use the ambulance service.

"High demand for urgent care across the health and social care system means that the 999 system is used by the public as a safety net when patients are either unable or unsure how to access other parts of the NHS."

However, SCAS is now urging those in outlying rural areas to use their first responder scheme.

Mr Nichols added: "We want the public in the Milton Keynes area to form Community First Responder schemes in our villages, so people living there can help others suffering medical emergencies by responding quickly to patients in life-threatening medical emergencies, while an ambulance is en-route."

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Above: Getting started on a huge mural being painted as part of the Cambridge Street celebrations
Below: Iain Stewart MP with the winners of a best decorated house competition in Bletchley

Having a right

MK NEWS hit the streets to find out how residents were celebrating the diamond jubilee

THE British bulldog spirit never died this bank holiday - despite the weather doing its best to dampen the fun.

The people of Milton Keynes were prepared to carry on regardless, with hundreds taking to the streets to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Forty-nine street parties took place right across the city and its surrounding villages, not to mention Big Lunches, fun runs and fetes.

One of the organisers of the street party in Cambridge Street, Wolverton, on Monday perhaps summed up the festivities best.

Mark Gaved said: "We thought this would be a lovely way to get neighbours together, to have a chance to meet each other.

"The message we sent to residents was 'bring a picnic to share'.

"There was young, old, lots of different cultures, and we've had lots of support from local businesses too."

Many schools held their own celebrations - the Mayor of Milton Keynes, Catriona Morris, and poet laureate Mark Neil visited both Germander Park School in Conniburrow and Wavendon Gate School.

On Saturday and Sunday revellers flocked to Rickley Park for the West Bletchley Carnival, supported by MK NEWS.

And on Monday MP for Milton Keynes South, Iain Stewart, was tasked with

royal time!

Dozens of street parties and other celebrations took place this bank holiday, including one organised by this group in Kersey, Stantonbury

judging the best house decorations as part of the celebrations at St Andrew's Baptist Church, Bletchley.

He chose Morgan Croxford, 12, and nine-year-old brother Austin's entry in St George's Road - the pair had made a Guy Fawkes-style dummy of the Queen.

Beacons in Campbell Park, Wolverton and Olney were lit on Monday night as part of a national initiative.

And on Tuesday people carried on the celebrations at a big event organised by The Parks Trust in Campbell Park and Stony Stratford High Street.

Top left: Mark Gaved gets into the spirit in Wolverton
Left: Face painting fun in Cambridge Street
Above: The party at Winchcombe Meadows, Oakridge Park

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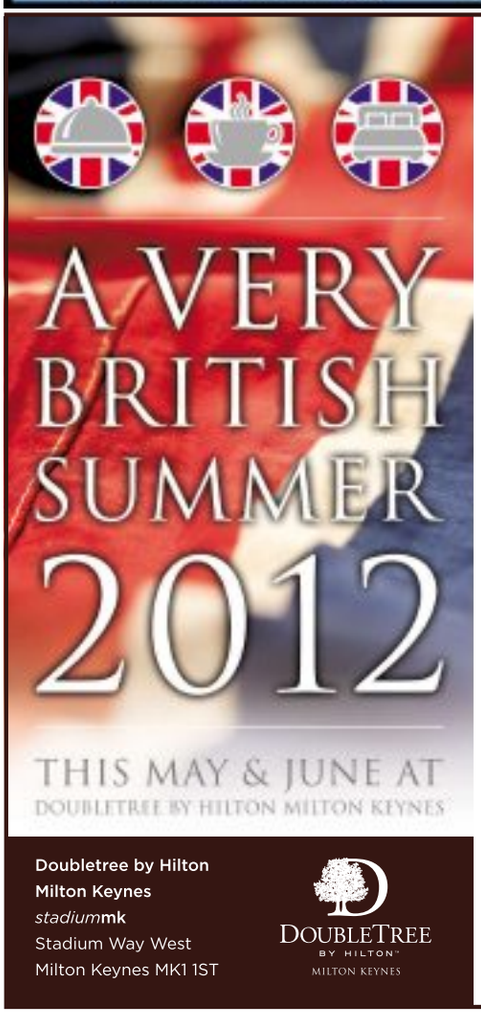
Above: Musicians delight the bulging crowd at Stony Stratford's Big Lunch in Mortimer Park
Bottom from left: A right royal chocolate cake and Archie the dog displays his British pride



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Top from left: Having fun at West Bletchley Carnival, feeling patriotic in St Patrick's Way, Bletchley, and Cambridge Street in Wolverton

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Artists have a splashing time at flotilla

TWO city artists were picked from hundreds of hopefuls to help mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Robert Newcombe and David Pilgrim, *pictured*, were among 20 artists who stood on the Millenium Bridge in London to paint Her Majesty's pageant flotilla on the River Thames on Sunday – the first celebration of its kind for three-and-a-half centuries.

Mr Newcombe, 70, from Ravenstone, said: "We had a bird's eye view from the bridge and it was very exciting."

Mr Pilgrim, 37, from Stony Stratford, added: "There was a sense of being a part of history."

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Helping hand: Volunteer Helen Halliday at the City Counselling Centre

DUE TO the kind of work it does, many people do not know about the City Counselling Centre (CCC).

The centre's volunteer professionals have been lending the people of Milton Keynes, and beyond, an ear for the last 20 years.

But because the subjects and issues dealt with can be so sensitive, many people do not talk about their experiences there.

The 40 counsellors, based in an office at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, help people deal with a range of issues from marital break-ups and depression, to dealing with HIV and being a victim of sexual abuse.

And the worrying thing is that as the economic downturn bites, more and more people are either being referred to the centre or just turning up on the doorstep.

That's because the centre, as well as having people referred to it by the local health service, also has a drop-in facility where people who do not know what kind of counselling they need can have an initial session, when their needs will be assessed.

But it is these unreferred patients for which the CCC needs to raise funds, so it is now embarking upon a campaign to try to raise awareness of the services it provides.

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Tea Monkey: There will be live music and a visit from the mayor on June 20. *From left*, CCC trustee Debs Mitchell, founder Diana Savage, Tea Monkey owner Tracey Bovingdon and CCC volunteer Caroline Anderson

cent of tea sales will be donated to the centre.

Diana Savage is manager and founder of the CCC.

She emphasised the value of the volunteers and the assistance they have given people over the years.

But she added that, although city organisations such as Milton Keynes Council have been very good and supported them, donations still need to be raised and that without funds, what the volunteers do wouldn't be possible.

She said: "The demand for every service is higher than the money we've got. In a sense it's a bottomless pit, we constantly need money.

"With the recession and people not having jobs etc, there's much more pressure on them and we've seen a rise in the number of people who can't pay for things.

"Even for our very subsidised services they can't pay, so they have to forgo counselling if they can't afford it. And that's with everyone contributing their professional services for free.

"We are always glad of help and funds. We understand we are competing against lots of other very worthy causes, but everyone faces depression and difficult periods in their life and it's good that we can be there for them when they need us."

Debs Mitchell, a volunteer and trustee at the CCC, said counselling could also have economic benefits. "In my personal view," she said, "if you get someone out of a depressive cycle and that means they continue in their job or stay together with their partner, the economic and social benefit is quite high."

Tea Monkey owner Tracey Bovingdon said she is very happy to help the centre, as it fits in with the values at the shop.

She said: "One of our core values is getting people to communicate in a real way.

"Social networking is prevalent and has its uses, but we are concerned it doesn't take over from real communication."

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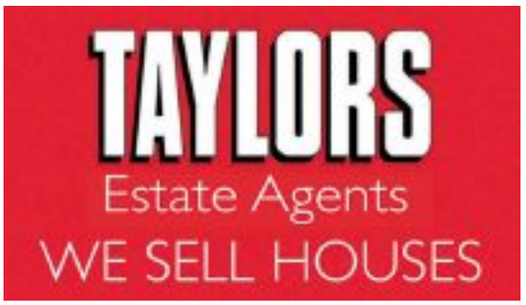

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Party votes for girl power in election

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A WOMAN will be giving one of the city's MPs a run for his money in the next general election.

That's after the city's Labour Party announced there is an all-female shortlist for their candidate to face Mark Lancaster, the MP for Milton Keynes North.

They have taken the move as they say Mr Lancaster's seat will be one that 'will fall in the next general election', adding that a female Milton Keynes MP will have an 'excellent footing on the national stage'.

Party spokesman Nigel Long said: "Whereas before we thought MK South was a certainty, which we still do, MK North is well within what we expect to win.

"We think it's a really important target seat.

"The local party is really positive about it, I think we'll get a really excellent candidate and unseat yet another public schoolboy."

But Mr Lancaster does not sound worried by Labour's tactic.

He said: "Following the recent fiasco over choosing a council candidate for Stantonbury with a pretty unpleasant hidden past, now the Labour Party have decided that there's not a single man in the city capable of representing Milton Keynes in Parliament.

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‘Cheesed off’ after path plans passed

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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RESIDENTS feel they have been led up the garden path after council officers were given the power to move public rights of way.

The decision was made immediately after a well-used walking route was officially recognised as a public right of way by Milton Keynes Council.

The path provides a route for pedestrians and cyclists between Woolstone and Milton Keynes Village and the site it runs through, known as Oakgrove, has been given planning permission for around 11,000 houses.

This makes Oakgrove, owned by Crest Homes, the biggest site for development outside of the control of the Homes and Communities Agency.

Recognising the path as a public right of way affects where these houses could be built.

But powers to divert footpaths on the site have now been given to planning officers, meaning they could decide to move them to make room for the development.

The issue was discussed for the third time by the council’s development control committee last Thursday and after shortlived elation, the several residents who attended the meeting are now feeling ‘cheesed off’.

Oakgrove footpath: This public right of way could be moved

Campbell Park councillor David Pafford, who spoke in favour of the right of way, said: “We’re quite cheesed off because things haven’t gone our way.

“Delegating powers to a planning officer just makes the whole thing redundant because the path isn’t protected.”

To have the path acknowledged as a right of way residents had to prove the path had been used for 20 years.

Woolstone resident Sam Anthony said: “I’ve spent a long time collecting supporting evidence and the message is clear, everyone feels the same about it.”

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Star blooms in role in moving comedy

Stars: Cheryl Campbell and Kacey Ainsworth

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A HEARTWARMING comedy will be hitting the stage next week and one of its stars has spoken to MK NEWS about their grouchy but loveable character.

Cheryl Campbell's career has seen her take on a wide range of roles from Lady Macbeth to Penny Chapman in Peep Show.

From Monday she will be treading the boards as Louise 'Ouiser' Boudreaux when Steel Magnolias opens at Milton Keynes Theatre.

But the BAFTA award-winning actress said tackling such a variety of characters doesn't faze her.

"I'm not Ouiser, I'm not any of the characters I play," she said.

"Some people know me as a serious actress and opinion is split down the middle when I take on comedy roles but I take on a variety of parts, that's my job as an actress."

Steel Magnolias is a tear-jerking story about six special friends from Louisiana who are bonded together by mutual triumphs and tragedies.

It was written by Robert Harling as a form of therapy after he lost his sister to diabetes.

Cheryl said: "Ouiser is a two-time widow and has a lot of money and that's because one of her husbands was in the oil industry.

"I asked Robert why she was divorced and he said one of her husbands was gay, not many people know that."

With such a history 'Ouiser' is not an easy character to play and on top of that Cheryl has the Louisiana accent to contend with.

She said: "I've been told I do the accent very well. It's not too difficult for English actors to take on."

Cheryl will be joined on stage until Saturday by Denise Welch, Kacey Ainsworth, Isla Blair, Cherie Lunghi and Sadie Pickering.

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The Stables is in nation's top music venues

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The Stables in Wavendon is now ranked fourth in a list of the UK's top 100 venues, according to the Performing Right Society.

The organisation, which collects royalties for songwriters and composers, analysed data of more than 10,000 live music events in 2011.

The Stables is now ranked ahead of some of the biggest venues in the UK, including the Royal Albert Hall.

Chief executive Monica Ferguson said: "We are thrilled to have moved up the rankings into the top five of the UK's music venues.

"It's an incredible achievement for the whole team and reflects our commitment to presenting a packed and diverse programme of established and emerging artists in both the Jim Marshall Auditorium and Stage 2."

The Stables directly promoted 343 concerts and presented 291 education sessions in addition to other events in the year ending 31 March, 2011. It also produces the biennial IF: Milton Keynes International Festival which this year runs from July 20-29.

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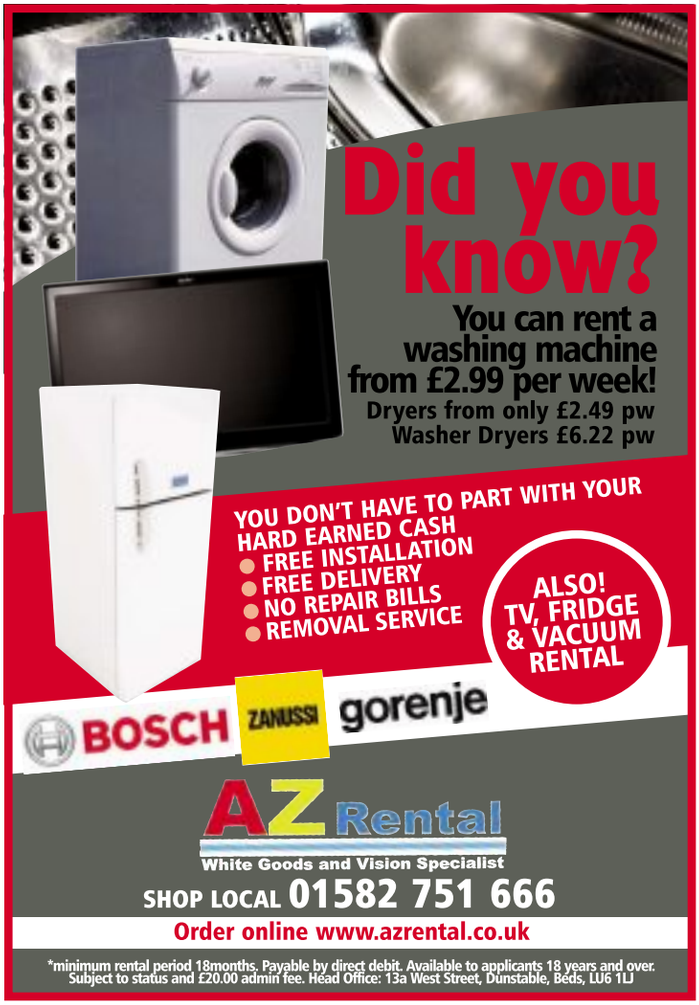

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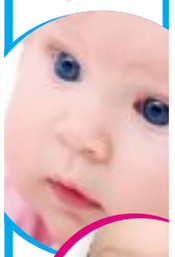

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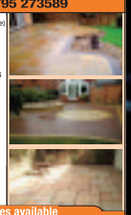

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June 12, 7.45pm	POLAND v RUSSIA	Warsaw	
June 16, 7.45pm	CZECH REP v POLAND	Wroclaw	
June 16, 7.45pm	GREECE v RUSSIA	Warsaw	

GROUP B

June 9, 5pm	HOLLAND v DENMARK	Kharkiv	
June 9, 7.45pm	GERMANY v PORTUGAL	Lviv	
June 13, 5pm	DENMARK v PORTUGAL	Lviv	
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June 17, 7.45pm	PORTUGAL v HOLLAND	Kharkiv	
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June 10, 5pm	SPAIN v ITALY	Gdansk	
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June 14, 5pm	ITALY v CROATIA	Poznan	
June 14, 7.45pm	SPAIN v R. IRELAND	Gdansk	
June 18, 7.45pm	CROATIA v SPAIN	Gdansk	
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GROUP D

June 11, 5pm	FRANCE v ENGLAND	Donetsk	
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June 15, 5pm	UKRAINE v FRANCE	Donetsk	
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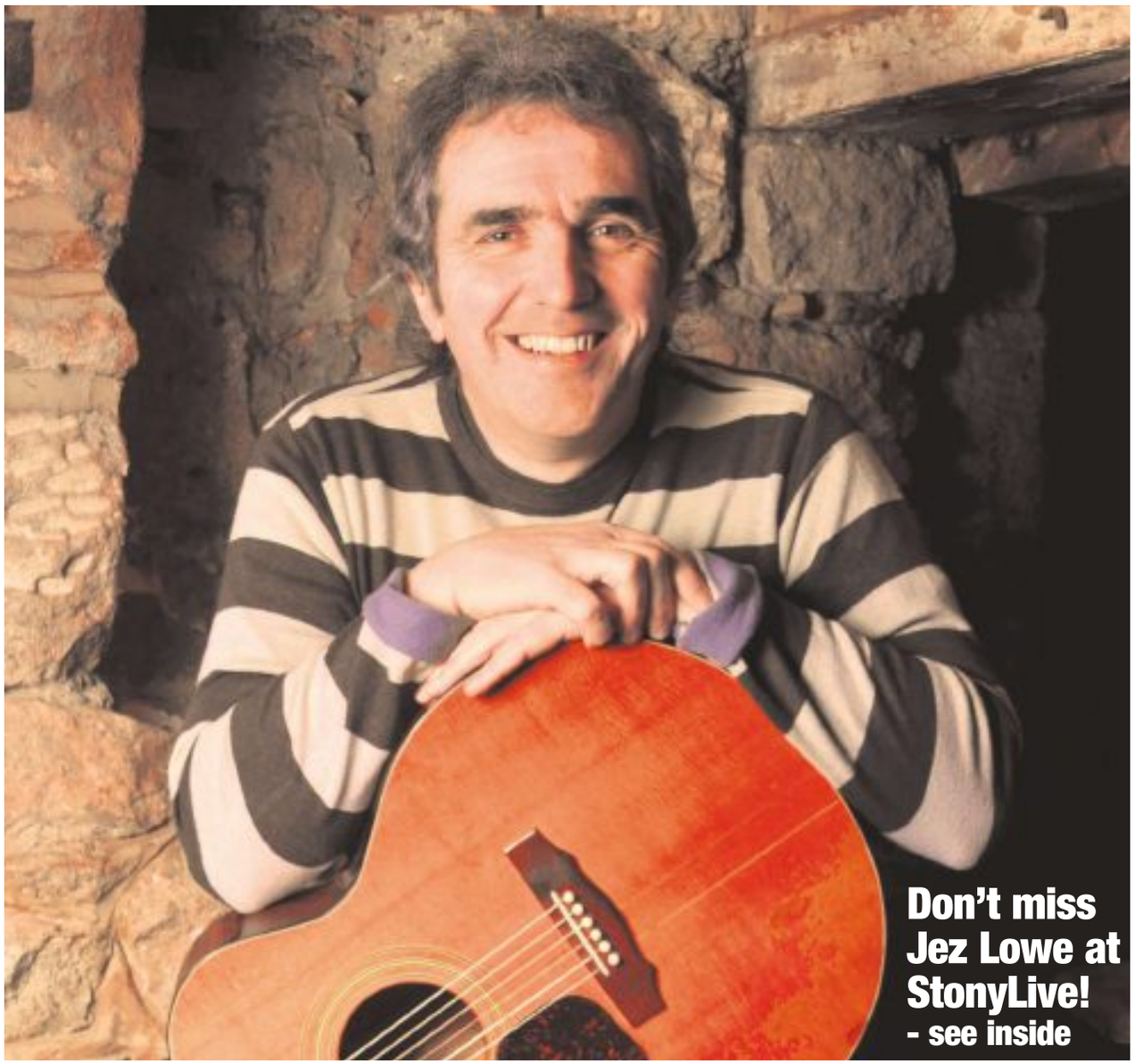

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DAVE KOZ

Friday, 8pm

SEVEN-TIMES Grammy-nominated saxman Dave Koz was recently immortalised with a star on the Hollywood Boulevard Walk Of Fame.

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In a career that spans 20 years and a dozen albums, saxophonist Dave has established himself as one of the most prominent figures in contemporary music.

But as noteworthy as his body of recorded work and as entertaining his live performances and other past accomplishments might be, Dave finds himself in an era of dramatic and sweeping change where everything once taken for granted is suddenly up for grabs.

Music – and more specifically, the saxophone – have been his primary survival tools since his childhood and adolescence in LA's San Fernando Valley.

He started playing as a means to land a spot in his brother's band, but somewhere along the way, he said: "The saxophone became my best friend, my most trusted ally, because it enabled me to communicate feelings that I didn't have the words for.

"In many ways, it saved my life."

Dave will be accompanied by Brian Simpson on keyboards, Simply Red's Mark Jaimes on guitar, Marc Parnell on drums and Frank Felix (formerly Acoustic Alchemy) on bass.

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Saxman Dave Koz

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Other attractions include a hog roast, tarot reading, comedy, a snake lady, an angle grinding and fire eating show, and the Rock A Belle Revue Burlesque Troupe.

The convention, at Kents Hill Park, Timbold Drive, will also have on-site accommodation for those looking to extend their weekend.

Confirmed live bands so far are Inertia, AlterRed, System FX, Bang Bang Boogie, The ZipHeads, Cryogenica and Killer B Movie, who will keep you entertained throughout the weekend.

Also confirmed for the after party are DJs Slip Matt (BBC1xtra), E-Plus and Jason Jay, playing the best in anthems, drum n bass, house, dance, garage, hip hop and r'n'b.

Tickets are £0 in advance, £15 on the door, or £18 for the whole weekend.

Visit www.mktattooconvention.com for more information.

STONYLIVE!

THE music, dance and arts festival in Stony Stratford continues this weekend with an array of events.

Tomorrow Jez Lowe is at the Song Loft at 7.30pm. This special performance is one not to be missed. Jez has an enviable reputation as a songwriter and performer in the world of acoustic music.

Supporting Jez will be Gawkey, who play original songs and traditional tunes, under the influence of Irish, English and Americana roots music. Starts at 8.15pm. Tickets £10 in advance from Odell's in Stony Stratford High Street, or The Cock Hotel reception, or £12 on the door.

For green-fingered folk there will be the Allotments Open Day in London Road on Saturday at 1pm, which includes a plant sale. Meet Stony Stratford's finest vegetable and fruit growers, view their plots and buy their plants. See if you agree with the judge's opinion of the winning plots and scarecrows. Free.

David Bowie fans should head down to The Crown on Saturday at 8.30pm for tribute band David Wilkinson and The Spiders, plus guests.

This is the same band of talented musicians who presented the highly successful Lennon tribute last year at StonyLive! which ended with a standing ovation and was a sellout. Tickets cost £8.

Get your dancing clogs on for the Clog Step Dance Workshop at The Crown on Sunday at 10.30am.

Stony Steppers will be teaching traditional clog step dancing. Suitable for beginners or those with experience of clog dancing. Free.

Finishing the festival off for another year will be The Final Fling at the White Horse on Sunday at 8pm, featuring acoustic dance music from 4PM and Sarah Malleson and Arun Entwistle.

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MK THEATRE

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

Monday-Saturday, 7.30pm. Matinee Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30pm

GET your handkerchiefs at the ready as the heart-warming and bittersweet comedy, Steel Magnolias, written by Robert Harling and directed by David Gilmore, comes to Milton Keynes Theatre.

Steel Magnolias features an impressive cast of British actresses including Sadie Pickering as the beautiful and impulsive Shelby, Isla Blair as her strong willed mother, M'Lynn, Cheryl Campbell as sharp-tongued Ouiser, Cherie Lunghi as elegant wealthy widow Clairee, Denise Welch as beauty parlour owner Truvy, and Kacey Ainsworth as mousy new-comer Annelle.

Join these six remarkable ladies from deep south Louisiana as they ride life's rollercoaster and enjoy friendship that has no boundaries.

Originally Robert Harling wrote the play Steel Magnolias as a form of therapy following the death of his sister from diabetes which was made into the much-loved 1989 smash-hit movie starring Dolly Parton and Julia Roberts.

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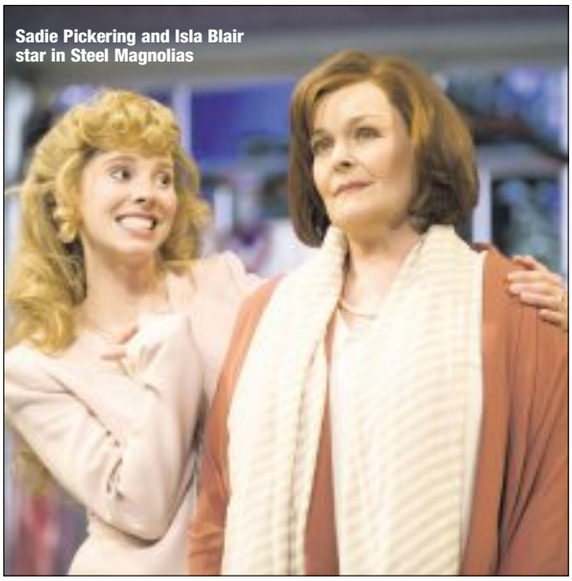

Sadie Pickering and Isla Blair star in Steel Magnolias

If you enjoyed Calendar Girls then this is a show that you won't want to miss.

This is a truly moving play that celebrates the strength and value of friendship, humour, and love in the midst of life's greatest hardships.

■ Tickets for Steel Magnolias cost from £11-£28 from 0844 871 7652, or www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes. Booking fee applies.

KEEP FIT

NATIONAL KFA FESTIVAL

Saturday, 2pm and 7pm

THE Keep Fit Association (KFA) will be celebrating 55 years of serving a nation of active keep fitters during 2012.

To mark the occasion more than 300 performers will take part in more than 20 dance team displays at Milton Keynes Theatre.

This will be a momentous occasion to celebrate the history, and most importantly the future, of a British organisation that delivers a community-based exercise movement and dance classes.

The festival will be a dazzling spectacular celebrating the diversity of movement and dance that the KFA offers.

The performances will encompass all movement, dance and exercise and will include items of apparatus such as ropes and ribbons.

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Inspired by a past exhibition at the gallery, Daria Martin's Sensorium Tests.

Artist Olivia Plender will be at the gallery to talk about her latest exhibition

SCRATCH NIGHT

Film Screening of The Dog and The Palace

Tomorrow, 6.30pm

A YOUNG boy is so inspired by watching the 2012 Olympic Games on TV that he decides to write to the Queen to say thank you.

He sends her a parcel, a statue of his little dog, and the film follows the journey of the boy as he persuades his family they should visit London to celebrate the Games.

The film will be shown twice, once with the original sound score and once with an entirely new score created on the night.

The gallery is looking for local musicians to come along with their instruments and work with the composer of the original score to develop an intuitive, musical response to the film. Free.

FRIDAY NIGHT FILM DOUBLE BILL

A Short Film About Killing and A Short Film About Love

Friday, 6.30pm

A SHORT Film About Killing explores the enforcement of capital punishment.

When a youth randomly and brutally murders a taxi driver, his defence lawyer Piotr has just passed his law exams.

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Followed by a Short Film About Love which tells the story of Tomek, a young post office worker who is obsessed with Magda, the promiscuous woman who lives in the tower block opposite.

He spies on her through a telescope and finally declares his love.

Both films by Kryzysztof Kieslowsk and rated 18. Tickets cost £5. Call 01908 676900.

IN CONVERSATION: OLIVIA PLENDER

Saturday, 3pm

THE gallery's current exhibitor, artist Olivia Plender, returns to Milton Keynes to discuss her work and exhibition with Robert Leckie, exhibitions curator at Gasworks.

Plender's work explores how attitudes towards mass education have evolved over time and includes a replica TV studio from the 1970s and a Google-style workplace.

An opportunity to find out more about the exhibition, called Rise Early, Be Industrious, which only runs until June 17. Free.

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With more attractions coming on board for the summer and some offering great discounts or a tempting offer of being able to skip the entrance queues on the day.

Get Smart also sell last minute tickets for London shows, some of which offer up to 50 per cent off the original theatre box office price.

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Establish in 1993, Get Smart has been successfully supporting and distributing literature for local tourist attractions and theatres. With its excellent reputation and quality assurance, Get Smart has grown over the past 19 years.

So pop along to thecentre:mk and visit the company (located outside BHS) over the coming months as it will be having some great prize draws, plus anyone who buy tickets in June will be entered into a draw to win a family pass to Paradise Wildlife Park.

MK LIFE has joined forces with Get Smart to offer five lucky readers a family pass to one of these five local attractions -Whipsnade Zoo, Gulliver's Land, Bletchley Park, Knebworth House and Woburn Safari Park.

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The closing date for entries is June 13 and winners will be notified. The editor's decision is final.

■ Please note, the family tickets are for two adults and two children and could be to any of the listed attractions.

INTER-ACTION MK

LOSING THE PLOT
Sunday, 2pm

A STORY of love between people and the land, love between people and people, and love between people and their giant vegetables.

One of two new shows which Mikron will tour in 2012, Losing the Plot will be on at Inter-Action MK at The Old Rectory, Waterside, in Peartree Bridge.

The show, written by Deborah McAndrew, tells the stories of the gardeners of Thistledale Allotments, a rag-bag bunch of diggers and dreamers.

Strong personalities frequently clash over the best treatment for mealy bugs and the annual Heaviest and Longest competition is always a time when old feuds and new flirtations threaten to undermine the fragile peace.

Told in true Mikron style, with a rollicking mix of old music hall tunes and brand new songs, big characters, inventive storytelling, and the odd scarecrow thrown in for good measure, Losing the Plot is a tale of earthy pleasures and pitchforks at dawn.

There is no need to book tickets for this show as a pay-what-you-will collection will be taken after the performance.

Bring your own chairs and picnic.

BUCKS OPEN STUDIOS

A sculpture by The Tecton Group

BUCKS Open Studios is an annual event held in June where artists and makers all over the county open their studios or hold exhibitions and events showcasing and demonstrating their work.

It is an opportunity to experience first-hand the creativity going on around the county, and is run by the Visual Images Group, an alliance of more than 600 artists and makers living and working in Buckinghamshire.

Now in its 26th year, Buckinghamshire was one of the first counties to hold an open studios event. This year will be the largest event yet, with 293 directory entries, involving more than 540 artists and makers.

Organisers expect to exceed last year's record of just over 26,000 visits made to studios and exhibitions during the fortnight.

Running from Saturday until June 24, here is a short round up of some of the exhibits and studios in Milton Keynes:

THE BARN GALLERY, PARKLANDS, GREAT LINFORD

Ann Loines, silk painting and drawings.

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FILM REVIEW

TOP CAT: THE MOVIE (U)

Synopsis: Cartoon feline in movie mode
Who's in it: Jason Harris, Chris Edgerly, Ben Diskin

THERE are so many cartoon characters about these days that it's a surprise some of the older ones don't simply get forgotten.

The folk at Hanna-Barbera first came up with Top Cat back in 1961 but the feline has, somehow, managed to stay in the public conciousness.

Remarkably only 30 episodes of TC's cartoon capers were ever made, which hardly seems enough to merit making a movie more than 50 years on.

But that is the situation we find ourselves in and an obvious question arises – does Top Cat have enough appeal to captivate audiences this time around?

It's a brand new adventure which is brought to us in 3D but for today's youngsters it clearly won't be a case from picking up where he left off, unless they have already developed an early interest for classic cartoons.

As before, Top Cat (Jason Harris) is the leader of a gang of New York City alley cats.

Together with Benny the Ball, Fancy Fancy, Choo Choo, Spook and Brains, the gang run rings around bumbling police officer Dibble (Bill Lobely) and generally make his life a misery.

However, they soon learn that they won't be getting things all their own way as Dibble is replaced by the much sterner prospect of Police Chief Strickland.

He comes armed with a strange legion of robotic police officers who seek to rid New York of the cats for ever.

It's a classic tale of naughty but loveable rogues who square off against a mean authority figure but unfortunately the tale just isn't up to scratch.

The film was originally recorded in Spanish and maybe there were some difficulties translating into English.

But this shouldn't really be the reason for a script which is unoriginal and just not that funny.

There's the usual hijinks and painful slapstick comedy and youngsters who are easy to please may well have fun watching this.

But in a world full of excellent animated films this falls painfully short of the standards others have already set.

The film tries to be funny but falls flat on its face like a stand up comedian who is desperately trying to coax laughs from an unimpressed audience.

At one stage the screen turns black for an eclipse and the characters continue to speak through the darkness.

This is about the level of comedy that the writers have managed to come up with and it's just not very clever.

There are more groans than laughs and if any parents are dragged along they may struggle to get through it.

Unfortunately, the film doesn't recover with its graphics, as the 3D conversion is ropey and not as spectacular as other films which have passed through the cinema.

Top Cat may be a classic character but sometimes it is best to leave nostalgia in the past.

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DAILY LIFE

TODAY

BTCV Green Gym, City Discovery Centre. Continuing the recreation of the beautiful herb garden. From 9.30am-1pm, meet at the centre's car park, off Alston Road at Stacey Bushes roundabout in Monks Way.

TOMORROW

RAILWAY Walk Conservation Group, Smartening the Cemetery Access. Cutting back weeds, clearing litter and generally tidying the area around the cemetery entrance. Meet near the roundabout at the junction between V8 Marlborough Street and V7 Saxon Street (look out for the BTCV van). Park cars in Howitt Drive, 10.30am-3pm.

SATURDAY

MK RAMBLERS' eight-mile walk via Bow Brickhill, Brickhill Woods and Browns Wood. Meet at 9.30am at the Windmill pub car park, Caldecotte Lake (GR SP887355). Bring refreshments as required. No dogs. Call 01908 670973 for more details.

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SUNDAY

HULA Animal Rescue Purrfect Open Day, 1-4pm, South Midlands Animal Sanctuary, Glebe Farm, Salford Road, Aspley Guise. Veterinary talk about cat health, fun cat photo competition (bring your photos on the day) and lots of cat-themed fun. Meet the rescued pets and farm animals, charity bazaar, book store, children's games, refreshments. Costs £2 for adults, accompanied children go free.

VER Valley Walk Part Two with MK Ramblers. Meet at 9am at Caldecotte Lake pub car park for lifts to Redbourn. The walk consists of an eight-mile circuit in the morning via Nicholl's Great Wood, Flamstead, and back to Redbourn Common for lunch. Another walk will start at 1.15pm and is six miles going south to Redbournbury, Harpenden and back. Call 01908 320728 for more information.

MONDAY

PUB Quiz, The Barge Inn, Woolstone. Join other teams from across the city and compete for the honour of being the brainiest bunch. Costs £1 per player, half the proceeds go to Willen Hospice.

TUESDAY

WEST Bletchley Garden Club, Tenth Anniversary Meeting. Visit to Brickhill Perennials, Great Brickhill. Starts at 6.30pm, donations welcome. Includes refreshments. Car share donation welcome.

WEDNESDAY

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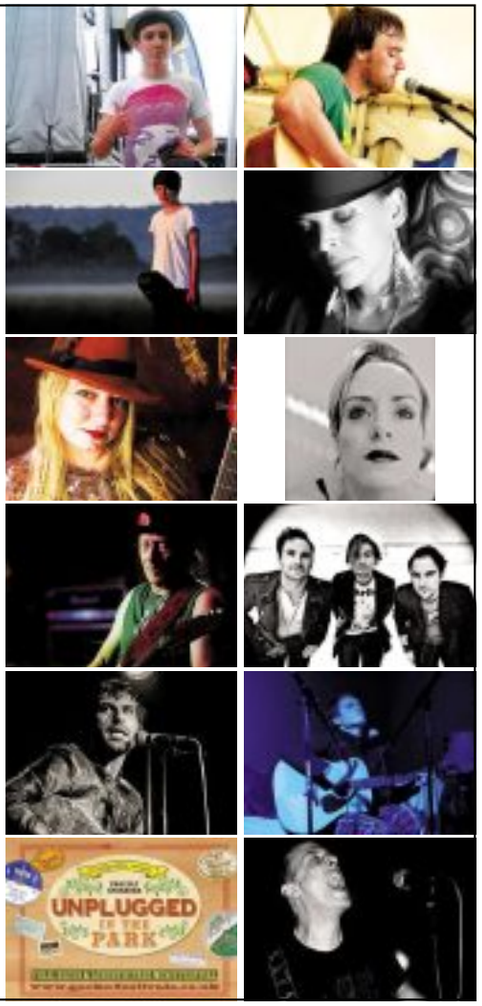

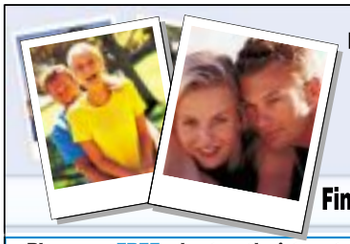

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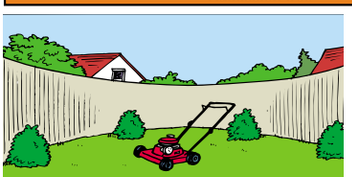

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SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/01078/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to fell one Wellingtonia tree (T1) at 20 Milton Road, Willen.
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
11/02028/FULEIS	A wind energy development (wind farm) comprising of the erection of five wind turbines up to 127m in height (blade tip), and associated infrastructure including access tracks, on-site control building, cabling, construction compound, crane hard standings and an 80m high anemometry mast (RWE Npower Renewables Ltd) at Hill Farm, Little Linford Lane To Haversham High Street, Haversham.
12/01001/ADV	Advertisement consent to display a fascia sign, totem and panel signs in the car park at John Lewis Partnership, 11 Field Walk, Central Milton Keynes.
12/01004/LBC	Listed building consent for new and replacement signage relating to alterations to the John Lewis store at 11 Field Walk, Central Milton Keynes.
12/01027/ADV	Advert consent to replace existing Northern Rock signs with two Virgin Money fascia signs at 502 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes.
12/01124/LBC	Listed building consent for remedial repairs and structural stabilisation of down-stand support beam within kitchen area at 2 Drayton Road, Bletchley.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

12/00887/REM	Reserved matters pursuant to planning permission 02/01337/OUT for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 194 dwellings at land known as Newton Leys, West of Railway, South of Bletchley Landfill Site, Drayton Road, Bletchley.
12/01019/FUL	Three extensions to existing buildings comprising of a two-storey extension to the north west, a single storey, double height extension to the north east and a two storey link building between the two existing buildings, together with a new mesh screen across the length of the south east elevation at Red Bull Racing – Building 1, Bradbourne Drive, Tilbrook.
12/01045/REM	Reserved matters application pursuant to outline approval of 1650 dwellings (02/01337/OUT) for the erection of 39 dwellings and associated works – Phase 2 (revision of part of application 08/00233/REM for 394 dwellings) at land known as Newton Leys, West of Railway, South of Bletchley Landfill Site, Drayton Road, Bletchley.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED UNDER (REGULATION 22 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2011

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For further details please contact Planning Enquiries, Development Control, Milton Keynes Council, Tel: 01908 252358.

Nick Fenwick
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(H3/A422 MONKS WAY, SOSKIN DRIVE STANTONBURY FIELDS, FLAXLEY GATE MONKSTON, COLINDALE STREET MONKSTON PARK, DALTON GATE MIDDLETON AND GRIFFITH GATE MIDDLETON) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to allow the NSPCC Half Marathon, which is being promoted by Mr Keith Ely on behalf of the 'NSPCC Half Marathon', to take place. It is anticipated that the following temporary restrictions will be in effect on Sunday 8 July 2012 between the hours of 8.00 am and 2.00 pm, and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. The effect of the Order is as follows:-

1. **To temporarily prohibit all vehicles from entering or proceeding in the following lengths of roads:-**

H3 Monks Way – the two cross over gaps in the centre of the H3/A422 Monks Way which lead into Soskin Drive, Stantonbury Fields and Breckland, Linford Wood;

Soskin Drive, Stantonbury Fields from its junction with the H3/A422 Monks Way north-westerly to its T junction.

There will be exemptions for residents, vehicles accessing the Veterinary Centre, the Alarm Centre and any authorised vehicle in connection with the administration of the event. This junction will be marshalled throughout the event.

Flaxley Gate, Monkston from its junction with H7 Chaffron Way to its junction with Blanchard Circle, Monkston;

Access into Blanchard Circle will be from Kilwinning Drive (V10 Brickhill St), or Lindisfarne Drive (V11 Tongwell Street), Monkston;

Colindale Street, Monkston Park from its junction with H7 Chaffron Way to its junction with Rayners Lane, Monkston Park;

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Dalton Gate, Middleton from its junction with the V11 Tongwell Street to its junction with Noonlayer Drive and Worrelle Avenue; Access into Middleton and Milton Keynes Village will be via Claridge Drive (H7 Chaffron Way) or Hensman Gate (H6 Childs Way);

Griffith Gate, Middleton from its junction with the V11 Tongwell Street to its junction with Babington Close.

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2. **To temporarily impose 'no waiting at any time' restrictions for all vehicles in part of the following road:-**

Soskin Drive, Stantonbury Fields:- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions will apply along both sides of that length of Soskin Drive, Stantonbury Fields, from its junction with the H3/A422 Monks Way north-westerly to its T junction, when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs and no waiting cones.

Any local diversions will be indicated by traffic signs.

Pedestrian access to premises and properties adjacent to the restricted roads shall be maintained throughout. There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order apart from those specified at 1. above, and for emergency services and military vehicles.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 8 July 2012 at 8.00 am and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 days, or until the completion of the event whichever shall be the sooner, but it is expected that the restrictions will only remain in effect until 2.00 pm that day.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of reasons for making the Order, and maps showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, quoting reference number P&E-BAS-5381-1954.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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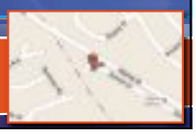

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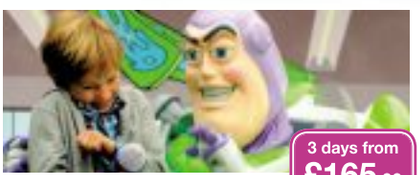

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ATHLETICS

Rutherford rules in Rome

LONG jumper Greg Rutherford was in excellent form as he leapt to victory at the Diamond League meeting in Rome last Thursday.

The MK Olympian recorded a superb distance of 8.32m, only narrowly short of his 8.35cm British record which he shares with Chris Tomlinson.

His effort was much better than second-placed South African Godfrey Mokoena, who recorded 8.20m.

Rutherford, who is looking in fine nick before London 2012 this summer, saved his winning distance for his final jump.

He opened up with a jump of 8.04m which he had improved to 8.11m by his fourth outing but by that stage Mokoena and Russian Aleksandr Menkov had already gone further, pushing the city man down to third.

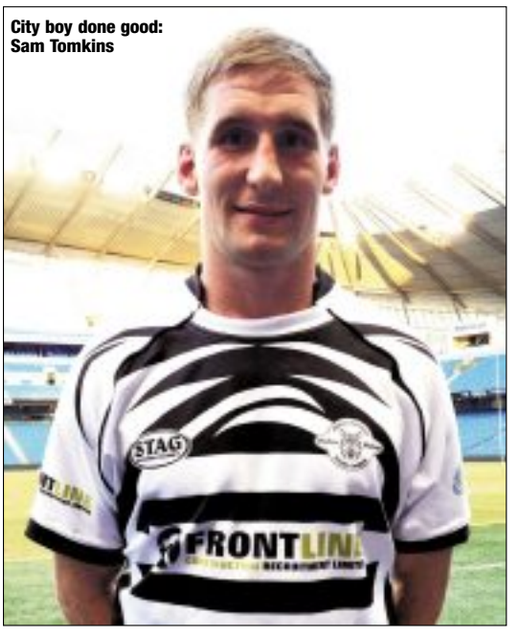
This clearly wasn't acceptable for Rutherford who proved that he had plenty left in the tank after his last trip to the sand pit.

British rival Tomlinson finished fourth, behind Menkov, but could only manage a distance of 7.77m.

Rutherford has now firmly established himself as a serious medal contender for the London Olympics, and appears to be hitting form at exactly the right time following a victory in Rabat last week.

Meanwhile, Olympic hopeful Chris Clarke ran the third leg for the GB 4x400 relay team, who came home for a comfortable victory.

RUGBY LEAGUE



City boy done good: Sam Tomkins

HE'S one of the biggest names in rugby league – and he's wearing the Milton Keynes shirt.

Wigan Warriors and England star Sam Tomkins, who was born in the city, is only too happy to promote the cause of our fledgling team MK Wolves.

The 23-year-old is involved with the club, founded just this season, as honorary president and it's a role he is relishing.

Tomkins said: "I want to wish MK Wolves well for the season, I'm really enjoying being involved with it."

There's still time to get involved with the club who play in the regional Eastern League.

You can join the team at training every Wednesday from 6.30pm at Emerson Valley Sports Pavilion, or e-mail MiltonKeynesRL@gmail.com.

TOURING CARS

Nightmare time for Nash

JAMES Nash had two days to forget as the World Touring Cars season continued in Portugal at the weekend.

The Newport Pagnell driver, racing in a Ford Focus for Team Aon, had to start both races from 21st place after difficulties in qualifying.

But despite moving up several places both times, Nash was forced to retire from each race, the first time he has failed to finish two races in which he'd started at the same event.

He said: "It was a disappointing conclusion to a disappointing weekend.

"In race one I damaged the car in a clash and, unfortunately, the lasting legacy of that soon made the second race extremely difficult.

"My pride is dented with the two non-finishes though my enthusiasm remains."

ICE HOCKEY

Farn is back for Lightning

Back for Lightning: Michael Farn

LIGHTNING have secured the signature of key defensive man Michael Farn on a new two-year deal.

The Durham-born player took his place in one of the meanest defences in the entire English Premier League last season and said that committing himself to the city side was an easy decision to make.

"When I was asked to come back, it was a no-brainer as the Lightning organisation is second to none," the 23-year-old said.

"The team for next season is coming together nicely, and we should be pushing for silverware, with the fanbase we have here, it's the least they deserve.

"Come the start of the season this team will be ready and waiting for the challenge and we'll do whatever it takes to win trophies."

Farn's potential was what convinced Lightning management to offer him another two years and the club has described the player as being 'much sought after'.

He becomes the latest player Nick Poole has signed on for the new season as the Canadian coach plots to bounce back from the last campaign, when Lightning missed out on every prize they were competing for.

"We are delighted to bring back Michael for the upcoming season as he has been such an important member of our team over the last three years," Poole said.

"He is still young and we feel there is another level for him to get to but he has improved year on year, so we are delighted to be able to offer him some security by way of a two year deal.

"Farny is good athlete, very strong on the puck and has a cool head for someone so young.

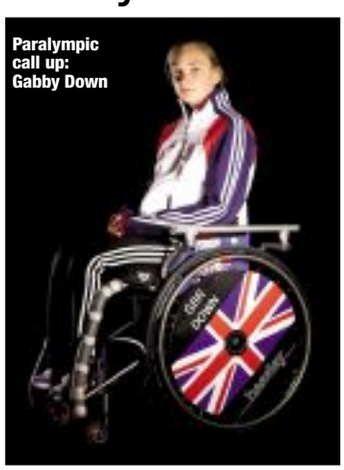
"He plays in all situations and has become a real leader among the players."

Farn began his playing career with the Billingham Bombers and during the 2005 season he helped Team GB's U18 team to gold with three goals and four assists in five games at the World Junior Championships.

In 2007 he signed for Swindon Wildcats where his form earned him a call-up for the U20 squad, before joining Lightning in 2009, immediately becoming an integral part of the squad that won the league title that year.

FENCING

Gabby books Paralympics place



Paralympic call up: Gabby Down

WHEELCHAIR fencer Gabby Down has been selected for the Paralympic Games – and at just 13 will be one of the youngest athletes at London 2012.

The Oakgrove School pupil has made the Great Britain team despite only taking up the sport just over two years ago.

She said: "It's a privilege to be chosen to participate in the Paralympics.

"My disability has never been an obstacle, and I could only dream of this.

"I am working really hard and training six days a week now. In the past I have tried wheelchair basketball, gymnastics, trampolining and athletics but fencing is where my heart lies."

Gabby first competed in late 2009, when she was talent-spotted at the National Junior Games and her age doesn't cross her mind when fencing.

Finishing ninth at the 2011 Lonato Championships, her second international competition, is one of her greatest achievements to date in the sport.

SPORTSSHORTS

CRICKET

Northamptonshire Cricket League

STONY Stratford picked up a losing draw against Finedon Dolben after narrowly avoiding defeat.

After being asked to bat, Finedon made their way to 276/7 but they fell one wicket short of victory as Stony finished on 212/9, Rob Keogh top-scoring with a knock of 91.

Cherwell League Division One

BLETCHLEY had to settle for a winning draw in a rain-hit match against Banbury II.

Town recorded 168/8 at Manor Fields but after a fine performance in the field they were thwarted by the last pair of Banbury, who survived to finish on 100/9.

Four Counties League Division One

MK CITY (171/8) are top of the table after winning the draw against last season's winners North Crawley (165/8).

Meanwhile, New City MK (148/5) saw off New Bradwell (147 all out) by five wickets, and Olney Town (103 all out) lost to Eggington Foresters (178 all out) by 75 runs.

ROLLER HOCKEY

MK STEAMROLLERS have picked up another four league points thanks to two victories.

The city team bulldozed past Heyford 23-2 and followed this up with a 11-7 win over the Jokers, with goals spread out across the team.

Coach Mike Lucas said: "We are at the half way point and currently in sixth place, which is not bad for our first season.

"However, the team is getting stronger and I'm hoping to have a better second half to the season to close in on finishing in the top four."

BADMINTON

MILTON Keynes is the home of badminton in England and three locally based players have been confirmed for the London Olympics.

Number one male Rajiv Ouseph, who lives in MK, will play in the men's singles.

Fellow city residents Chris Adcock and Imogen Bankier, who represents Scotland, have been selected in the mixed doubles. This means there is no place in the squad for former silver medallist Nathan Robertson and his partner Jenny Wallwork, and Robertson has now confirmed his retirement from the sport.

Meanwhile, Scotland's Susan Egelstaff has claimed the women's singles berth.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

MK PATHFINDERS returned to winning ways with a 25-7 victory against their local rivals Watford Cheetahs at Emerson Valley.

The home defence stopped the opening drive and gained good field position on Watford's 36 yard line to start things off.

A first down earned by DeAngelo Laland led to a 21 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Mike Keogh, who threw to Neil Arthur for an opening score which was unopposed in the first quarter.

Milton Keynes extended their lead with two Vasco Dias field goals, from 41 and 37 yards, before lineman Andy Larwill sacked the Watford quarterback. Rick Price then added another touchdown from seven yards to make the lead 19-0 at the break.

Watford ran in a touchdown of their own in the second half, but another rushing score by MK's running back Kase Chibwe ended any chance of a comeback.

SWIMMING

YOUNG City of Milton Keynes swimmers competed at the first round of the MK Junior League in Aylesbury.

First place swims went to Marcus McAuliffe (freestyle), Matthew Ward (backstroke), Helen Odams (butterfly), and Chloe Osili (breaststroke).

TABLE TENNIS

CITY Olympian Andrew Baggaley will play in Europe's elite club league after London 2012 as he has joined German Bundesliga side SV Pluderhausen for the 2012/13 season.

Baggaley, currently preparing for the Olympics in China, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to play for one of the most prestigious and successful clubs in Europe.

"It's a really exciting time and it will be a great new challenge."

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Smith still pondering permanent transfer

DONS are still anxiously waiting to see if Alan Smith will join the club on a permanent basis.

Karl Robinson is desperate for the midfielder to sign on so he can mount another promotion charge to the Championship with all of this season's players still available.

Smith, who has now been released by Newcastle after his loan switch at stadiummk, is seen as the last piece of the jigsaw.

This is because Robinson has already secured the services of the other player where serious question marks about his future remained – fellow midfield man Stephen Gleeson.

The Irishman, who has made no secret of his desire to play at a higher level, inked a new two-year deal on Tuesday night just after MK SPORT had gone to print forecasting that a new deal looked likely.

Gleeson reiterated his loftier ambitions but said he wanted to achieve them at stadiummk.

Dons dearly hope that Smith will join him but the former Manchester United and England player has several offers on the table.

Still deciding: Alan Smith

Picture: Andy Handley

Red Bull must change cars ahead of Canada

RED Bull Racing have been ordered to make changes to their cars ahead of this weekend's Canadian Grand Prix.

The sport's governing body the FIA has declared that the holes in the car floor near to the rear wheels are illegal and that they must be adapted before the next race of the season in Montreal.

It was thought that rival teams may have lodged a protest over the issue last time out in Monaco, when Red Bull driver Mark Webber picked up the victory.

This failed to come to pass but the FIA have now stepped in despite team principal Christian Horner's confidence that the Red Bull car would comply with all of the rules.

The Tilbrook outfit enjoy a healthy 38-point lead over McLaren after a much better Monaco than their nearest rivals.

Drivers Sebastian Vettel and Webber are second and third in the individual standings respectively, both locked on 73 points behind leader Fernando Alonso who has 76 for Ferrari.

Six different drivers have won the six races of the Formula One season – a new record – and in Canada both of the Red Bull men hope that they will be the first to stand on the top of the podium twice after a win apiece so far.

Webber said: "It's a really, really good venue and always provides an interesting grand prix there for whatever reason, and last year was no exception.

"It's a low down force track with long straights and high top speed, which is a different challenge.

"We'll see how that unfolds, but we're very confident the car should work well round there.

"I love driving the circuit; it's a good one to get our teeth into, a little bit like a street circuit."

Defending world champion Vettel added: "The circuit is a great challenge for the drivers.

"Like the track in Albert Park in Australia, the roads are public, so tyre wear can be high.

"There's also a lot of wear on brakes, which can cause us a headache.

"Last year the race dragged on due to the heavy rain – but it's a good place to go racing. Montreal is a great city and the atmosphere is always good."

League won't be any easier

BY DAN PALMER

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KARL Robinson has warned against complacency by saying that next season's League One line-up will not be any easier.

Dons have already been installed as one of the favourites for automatic promotion after big-hitters Charlton, Sheffield Wednesday and Huddersfield all exited the division on their way up to the Championship.

Coming in the other direction are Portsmouth and Coventry City, two clubs who have been hit by financial problems in recent times, and Doncaster Rovers.

Some have stated that this will be an easier proposition but Dons boss Robinson does not see it that way.

The manager said that teams coming up from League Two and other clubs who are remaining in League One will provide stern tests after the first ball of the new season is kicked in August.

"A lot of teams will be spending more money than they did last year," he said.

"There will probably be more money in the league.

"Teams like Preston, Brentford, Bournemouth and Yeovil will all have a go and be stronger.

"Then you have teams coming up like Shrewsbury and Swindon who will be good.

"All the teams who came down will want to get back to the Championship.

"Portsmouth will spend money even though people don't think they have it."

The fixtures for the new season are due to be released on June 18 and Robinson has predicted an intriguing campaign.

"It's going to be an interesting league," he said.

"It will probably be the most open the league has ever been.

"I look forward to each game and we want to win regardless of who we are playing."

The boss will be abroad for the next month as he recuperates from the season which has just gone, but this does not mean that there won't be new arrivals at the club.

New assistant manager Mick Harford and new coach Ian Wright are expected to be at the club during the summer as Dons chase a right back, a centre back and a striker.

"They can come in and get bits tied up, while I'll do the nitty gritty stuff on the the phone," Robinson said.

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